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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications
THROUGH : Acting Deputy Director (Support)
SUBJECT : Communications Personnel Requirements
for the Office of Special Activities
REFERENCE : Memo for DD/R from D/CO dtd 1 Mar 53,
Same subject (OC-1431)

1. In view of the existing shortage of both technical and operating personnel and the time consuming effort involved in normal recruitment (both of which, incidentally, I readily appreciate), I fully concur in the proposals you suggested in paragraph six of reference memorandum, i.e., contracting with [redacted] for technical personnel and requisitioning operators from the USAF on a military detail basis.

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2. Because of the extreme sensitivity of the projects with which both of these categories of personnel will be involved, I feel that it must be mandatory that a complete background investigation and a polygraph interview be accomplished in the case of each individual, whether military or contract.

3. I should like to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent cooperation which we have received from you and your staff on this matter. I understand that various members of OSA have been and will continue to be in touch with their counterparts in the Office of Communications in regard to working out the necessary details concerning recruitment, clearance, and actual assignment.



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